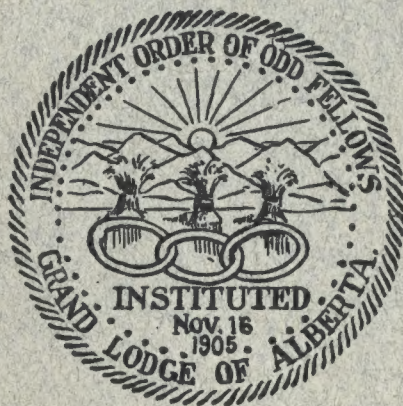


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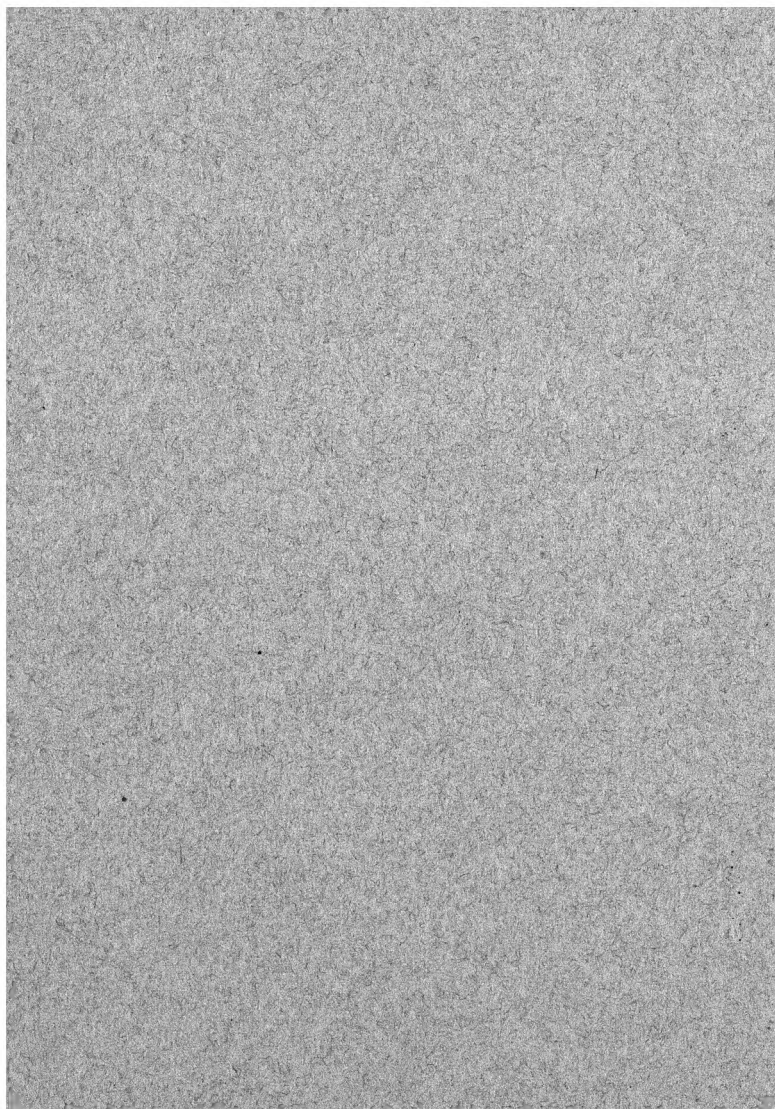
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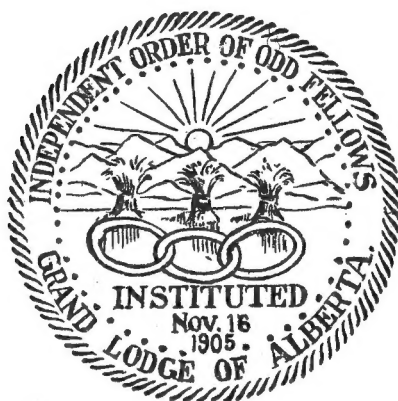
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TITLE AND AUTHORITY

1. **TITLE**—By authority and virtue of a charter from the "SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS," dated November 16th, A.D. 1905, this Grand Lodge shall be known by the name and title of "THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS," and shall be acknowledged, respected and obeyed accordingly.

2. **AUTHORITY**—This Grand Lodge, under the limitations imposed upon it by its charter and the constitution and laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, possesses, within the Province of Alberta, supreme legislative, executive, and judiciary authority, and no Lodge of the Order can be formed or continue to exist in this Province without its sanction.

3. It possesses the sole right and power of granting charters; of suspending or revoking charters, for cause; of receiving appeals and redressing grievances of members and Lodges under its jurisdiction; of enacting laws for the government of its subordinates; and of doing all other acts conducive to the interests of the Order, not in derogation of the constitution or laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

4. At its first regular meeting in the month of January, except as hereunder provided, each Subordinate Lodge shall choose by nomination and election a Representative or Representatives to the Grand Lodge annually; and the number of Representatives to be so chosen shall be determined as follows

by the total number of unsuspended members in the respective Lodge as shown in its report for the term next preceding the date of such election, that is to say: one Representative where the said total number shall have been one hundred or less, two Representatives where the said total number shall have been more than one hundred and not more than two hundred, three Representatives where the said total number shall have been more than two hundred and not more than three hundred, and four Representatives where the said total number shall have been more than three hundred; provided, that when a Lodge which had been defunct or expelled shall have been resuscitated, or when a Lodge shall have been newly instituted, and in either case shall not have completed a special term on the thirty-first day of December preceding an annual session of the Grand Lodge, then such Lodge shall choose one representative; and provided further, that when a Lodge shall be resuscitated or instituted during the calendar year of but preceding date of the respective annual session of the Grand Lodge, then such Lodge shall have one Representative who shall be chosen at the time of such resuscitation or institution. Each Representative shall be elected separately. A Representative shall be in good standing in his Lodge at the time of his election, and shall have attained the rank of Past Grand, shall be a member of the Lodge electing him except as provided by Article 7 of this Constitution.

5. Said Representative or Representatives shall be the duly accredited Representative or Representatives to the regular session or to any special session of the Grand Lodge of Alberta or adjourned meeting thereof, until the time of election of successor or successors.

6. A Past Grand shall not be recognized as a Representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto, nor until he shall have been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and shall have signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge.

7. Any Lodge not having a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction to represent it in this Grand Lodge for a like period.

8. In balloting, only one name shall be written upon any ballot and no vote shall be counted or considered unless it be

for a candidate in nomination. A majority of all the valid votes cast shall be necessary for election. In event of any one candidate not having such a majority the ballot shall be continued, but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from nomination at each succeeding ballot, until a candidate is elected. Provided that when only one candidate is in nomination he shall be declared elected by acclamation.

9. In case any Representative so elected shall resign his office his Lodge shall proceed at the first opportunity to consider the same and either accept or refuse the resignation, as it may deem expedient, and if such resignation be accepted the Lodge shall at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

MEMBERSHIP

10. Composition of Grand Lodge—This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the Past Grands of Lodges acting under unreclaimed warrants or charters granted by this Grand Lodge, who have heretofore been received and acknowledged as members and who remain in good standing in their respective Lodges, and of Past Grands as they shall hereafter become eligible, after they have been regularly admitted and acknowledged as members.

11. Qualifications for Membership—To entitle a Past Grand to membership in this Grand Lodge he must produce a certificate from the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, certifying that he is a member in good standing; that he has been duly elected to and served in the office of Noble Grand for one elective term ensuing his election; that he has filled the office in a satisfactory manner and that he is entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with a request that he be received and acknowledged as a member, which certificate shall be signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, and be attested by the seal of the Lodge, and if found correct, he shall be admitted to membership in the usual form.

12. Past Grands of Other Jurisdictions—Past Grands who are members of a Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction and who have served in the office of Noble Grand in a regularly chartered Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, under the Jurisdiction of some other Grand Lodge, may be

admitted to membership, upon producing a proper certificate from the Lodge in which their card is deposited, or from the Lodge in which they may have served in the office of Noble Grand.

13. Every member of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers, and shall be entitled to make or second any motion and to speak upon any and all motions and resolutions, including proposed amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, which may properly come before the Grand Lodge, and shall be entitled to vote upon the same unless a vote by Lodges be called for by at least ten Representatives, in which case none but Representatives shall vote, and the yeas and nays shall be recorded; provided, that no Representative of a Lodge which shall have completed a regular or a short term on the thirty-first day of December preceding an annual session of the Grand Lodge shall be permitted to vote or to speak upon or transact any business at the respective session of the Grand Lodge or to receive any mileage or per diem unless his Lodge shall have paid its Per Capita Tax and Home Fund Assessment and all other dues to the Grand Lodge and shall have mailed its report for the aforesaid regular or short term to the Grand Secretary within thirty days after the close of the said term.

OFFICERS

14. Grand Officers—The elective Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be:

1. Grand Master.
2. Deputy Grand Master.
3. Grand Warden.
4. Grand Secretary.
5. Grand Treasurer.
6. Grand Representative or Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

15. These shall be elected as follows: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be elected annually. The Grand Representatives shall be elected one each year to serve a term of one year, and one each alternative year to serve a term of two years.

16. The appointed officers shall be:

1. Grand Chaplain.
2. Grand Marshal.
3. Grand Conductor.
4. Grand Guardian.
5. Grand Herald.

6. District Deputy Grand Masters, who shall be severally appointed annually by the Grand Master, by and with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge.

17. No Past Grand shall be eligible for any elective Grand Office unless he be a member of this Grand Lodge in good standing and also a member of the Rebekah Degree in good standing. The candidates for Grand Representative shall have attained the Royal Purple Degree, and shall be members in good standing in a Subordinate Encampment, and also members in good standing of the Rebekah Degree, and have received the Patriarchs Militant Degree before taking his seat in the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

18. The elective officers shall be elected by ballot, such nomination and election to take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge, and at such time as may be set by resolution.

19. At each election the presiding officer shall appoint two tellers, who shall take charge of the ballot and allow each member, as the name and number of his Lodge is called by the Grand Secretary, to deposit his ballot, and when the balloting is completed they shall examine the same and report the result.

20. Each elective officer shall be chosen separately by a majority of all the legal ballots cast. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present.

21. After each ballot the name of the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn; provided that when only one candidate is in nomination for any office he shall be declared elected by acclamation. In balloting, not more than one name shall be written on any ballot.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS

22. The Grand Officers shall be installed according to the Grand Lodge order of business, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next annual session, and until the installation of their successors.

23. The sitting Grand Master or any Past Grand Master shall install the Grand Master-elect and all other officers, whether elected or appointed.

24. Should any officer-elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant unless sufficient cause be shown for non-attendance, and the members present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election, the successful candidate at which election shall be immediately installed.

25. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the officer-elect so absent, may take place at such time and such manner as the Grand Lodge may then specially direct.

25A. The Grand Lodge may have a joint public installation with the Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly Officers, of their respective bodies, by two or more of such Grand Bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction, such public and joint installation to be in accordance with the form and ceremony provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge for Installation of Grand Bodies.

VACANCIES

26. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Deputy Grand Master, Grand Representatives, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer by death, resignation, suspension, or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a qualified member, to be chosen by a majority of the remaining elective officers; provided always, that the member so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge; but in the event of the term in the vacant office being still unexpired the remainder of such unexpired term shall be filled by nomination and election as is heretofore provided.

27. Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any officer of this Grand Lodge shall be submitted to the

Grand Master during the interim between sessions by one or more members thereof in writing, the Advisory Board shall immediately be summoned by the Grand Master to meet and primarily investigate said charges, and if, upon examination, a prima facie case be made out, such officer shall be suspended from office until the next session of the Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thus created shall be filled in the manner prescribed in Article 26.

28. Should such charge be made against the Grand Master it shall be submitted to the Deputy Grand Master, who may (if the gravity of such charge warrant) at once summon a meeting of the Advisory Board to consider such charge. And if, upon examination, a prima facie case be made out against such Grand Master, the Advisory Board may suspend him from office until the next session of the Grand Lodge; and upon such suspension the suspended Grand Officer shall immediately deliver to the Advisory Board his books and all other Grand Lodge property.

29. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge when present. He shall preserve order and decorum therein and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge. He shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot. He shall appoint pro tem in the absence of the regular incumbents all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge, sign all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit or cause to be transmitted regularly to each Subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction the Pass-words necessary. He shall decide on appeals and questions of law which may be made to him from the decision of his deputies. He shall receive and act upon all complaints made to him against his deputies or lodges, and give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order to the deputies or to the Lodges, as may be necessary. He shall, immediately after January 1st, compile a report of his actions as Grand Master since the time of his installation and cause the same to be printed and transmitted, in company with the reports of the other officers, to all the lodges in the Jurisdiction and to all interested standing committees, at least ten days prior to the session of the Grand Lodge; and also prepare a supplementary report setting forth his actions as Grand Master as from February 1st, until the date of the opening of the Grand Lodge session. He shall in person or by deputy

visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this Jurisdiction, whenever he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests, the necessary expense incurred in making such visits to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

He shall keep a record of all his official acts, and at the expiration of his term, submit a printed report to the Grand Lodge upon the condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction.

He may grant dispensations:

1. To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia, except on occasions of public balls or social dances.
2. To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.
3. To authorize the installation of officers in public or jointly in private.
4. To permit entertainments for the benefit and in the name of the Order, provided he receives a written pledge signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary of the Lodge that intoxicating liquors shall not be permitted to be sold or used at said entertainments.
5. To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.
6. To open a Lodge in the third degree to make new members of the Order, to institute new Lodges and qualify newly elected or appointed officers to take their stations.
7. To institute Lodges and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this Grand Lodge, after the Executive Committee has approved of the application for a charter.
8. To empower a Subordinate Lodge to elect a scarlet degree member to any office other than that of Noble Grand in such Lodge, provided that all qualified members present on the night of election shall have declined to accept the office.
9. To empower a Subordinate Lodge to instal into the office of Noble Grand a scarlet degree member who shall have been elected to the said office on the regular night of election because all qualified members present on the said night of election had declined to accept the office.

30. The Deputy Grand Master shall act as assistant of the Grand Master; during the absence of the Grand Master from the Jurisdiction or when he may be under suspension or during the incapacity of the Grand Master arising from illness or any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall be invested with all the powers of the Grand Master.

31. In the event of the death, resignation or removal from office of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master until the next regular session of the Grand Lodge thereafter, and at the end of his term of office he shall make a report of all his official acts to the Grand Lodge.

32. The Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master or the Grand Warden shall not hold office in a Subordinate Lodge while holding any of these Grand Lodge offices.

33. The Grand Warden shall preside at the sessions of this Grand Lodge in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Master. He shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge. He shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it, and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge-room during all meetings of this Grand Lodge and at the expiration of his term of office make a full report to the Grand Lodge of all his official acts.

34. The Grand Secretary shall attend in person every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent shall transmit the books and records thereof. He shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings and intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may effect it. He shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

He shall preserve all books and file all documents belonging to his office and hand the same, together with all Grand Lodge property in his possession, to his successor in office or to the Grand Master in case of suspension; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer and pay over to him monthly all money coming into his hand on account of the Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge and submit the same to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, if in session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand

Lodge; furnish all committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a regular report of the Order made up to the 31st of December of each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular or special session of the Grand Lodge at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all charters or warrants granted by the executive during recess or by the Grand Lodge while in session; affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all such warrants or charters and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence and attend to all other matters or business not herein enumerated and coming properly within the duties of his office. He shall have his books properly closed on the 31st day of December before the annual session, and shall have a sufficient number of his annual reports printed for the use of the Grand Lodge. He shall within one month after his installation, furnish the Grand Master with a properly executed bond for the proper performance of his duties, from a guarantee company, payable to the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and for such sum as the Grand Lodge may require, the cost of the said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge, and in case of failure to provide such bond within the time specified, his office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master; and he shall be paid such salary for his services as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

35. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, depositing the same to the credit of "The Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F.," in some chartered banking institution of this Province, to be named by this Grand Lodge, within three days at farthest after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto, and none other. He shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, legible manner, exhibiting in as far as possible the sources of all receipts and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of each. He shall have his accounts closed on the 31st day of December before every regular session and submit a printed report thereof to the Grand Lodge. He shall, within one month after his installation, furnish the Grand Master with a properly executed bond, for the performance of his duties, from a guarantee company, payable to the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and for such sum as the Grand

Lodge may require, the cost of the said bond to be paid by the Grand Lodge, and in case of failure to provide such bond within the time specified, his office shall be declared vacant by the Grand Master; and he shall be paid for his services, such salary as the Grand Lodge may from time to time determine.

36. The Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and act thereat on behalf of this jurisdiction. They shall be furnished with a certificate of election as such, in the form as required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. They shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the sessions thereof attended by them to the Grand Lodge at its next ensuing annual session. They shall also notify the Grand Secretary within one month after each session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of any legislation, enactment or proceeding thereof for the information of the Grand Lodge officers, committees or members interested, pertinent to this jurisdiction.

37. The Grand Chaplain shall open and close every meeting of this Grand Lodge with prayer.

38. The Grand Marshal shall examine the Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

39. The Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

40. The Grand Guardian shall have charge of the inner entrance of the Lodge-room and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities

41. The Grand Herald shall securely guard the outer door of the lodge-room and shall permit no one to enter who is not qualified in the proper password and otherwise. He shall receive the Cards or Certificates of travelling brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall further take charge of the register and see that all brothers sign the same before entering the lodge-room.

DUTIES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

42. The District Deputy Grand Master for each district shall act as a special agent of this Grand Lodge in relation to the matters herein specified, viz.:

- 1 To act for the Grand Master and by his direction perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, I.O.O.F., in the particular district for which he may have been appointed.

2. To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge and perform all such duties relating to the Order in his district as the Grand Master may direct

3. To obey all special instructions of the Grand Master in relation to anything which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

4. To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary and to obey the special instructions of that officer.

- 5 To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges in his district and at all times to see that the written and unwritten work as well as all the law of this Grand Lodge and of the Order are strictly adhered to and properly carried out, and report any neglect, infringement or violation of them immediately to the Grand Master.

6. He shall install the officers of every Lodge in his district after having ascertained that they are properly qualified.

7. In the event of the inability of the District Deputy Grand Master, through illness or absence, to instal the aforesaid officers, he shall authorize in writing a Past Grand to perform such duty, whose authority must be presented to the Lodge on that occasion, and a copy thereof forwarded at once to the Grand Master.

8. He shall, as soon as possible after his appointment, visit officially each Lodge in his district and read his commission.

9. He shall require each Lodge to have its semi-annual report made out, properly signed, and the seal of the Lodge imprinted thereon, and the same placed in his hands together with the amount of per capita tax and home fund assessment required by law, before the officers can be installed or the P.W. given, and also

that the fire insurance policy or policies or receipts for premiums on the same be produced for his inspection.

10. He shall direct the attention of each Lodge in his District to the requirement that when a decision of the Grand Master is sought upon any question relative to the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge and the constitution and by-laws and working of the Subordinate Lodge such question shall be submitted in writing under the seal of the Lodge to the Grand Master through the medium of the District Deputy Grand Master.

11. He shall be trusted with the charge of and countersign all dispensations granted by the Grand Master to any Lodge in his district.

12. He shall make to the Grand Master within three weeks after the close of each term a full report on the prescribed form of all his acts and doings and the state of the Order in his district, with such suggestions as may be of benefit to the Order.

13. He shall remit to the Grand Secretary forthwith all funds which belong to the Grand Lodge and come into his hands, together with the semi-annual reports of the several Subordinate Lodges in his District.

14. He shall not transcend the powers herein contained nor exercise any power not specified herein.

COMMITTEES

43 The Grand Master, The Deputy Grand Master, The Grand Warden, The Grand Secretary, The Grand Treasurer, The Grand Representative or Grand Representatives, and The Grand Representative-Elect or Grand Representatives-Elect, shall constitute an Advisory Board, any Five (5) Members of which shall be a quorum.

It shall be the duty of The Advisory Board, to render assistance and advice to The Grand Master on such matters as in the discharge of his Official duties during the recess of The Grand Lodge, he shall deem it necessary to submit for the consideration of The Board, provided, that The Advisory Board shall have jurisdiction with regard to all matters requiring immediate action, during recess of Grand Lodge and for which provision is not otherwise made and which

are not in conflict with existing law or established usage of the Order.

The Advisory Board shall meet upon the summons of The Grand Master, provided, that any three members of The Board may summon a meeting thereof, to consider and act upon any matter coming within the duties or the jurisdiction of The Board.

44. The Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall form an Executive Committee with power to receive and act upon petitions for establishing Lodges presented in the intervals of the Grand Lodge sessions, and the Grand Master shall, at the request of a majority of the said committee, issue dispensations or charters for the same, which shall be valid if confirmed at the next regular session of the Grand Lodge and the Executive Committee shall also consider and deal with all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge.

45. The Grand Master at each annual session shall appoint from among the members present the following sessional committees:

1. Committee on Credentials.
2. Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.
3. Committee on Insurance.
4. Committee on Finance.
5. Committee on Rebekah Lodges.
6. Committee on State of the Order.
7. Committee on Necrology.
8. Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

46. The newly elected Grand Master at the close of each regular session shall appoint the following standing committees, viz:—

1. Committee on Distribution.
2. Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
3. Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
4. Committee on Judiciary.
5. Committee on Legislation.

47. All standing committees shall consist of five members each, excepting the committee on Laws of Subordinates,

which shall consist of three members, and the first named member thereof shall be the chairman unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

48. A majority of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

49. The reports of all committees must be in writing and shall be read from the Grand Secretary's desk, when action shall be taken thereon.

50. In all cases where matters are referred to special committees to be reported on at a subsequent session of the Grand Lodge, such report or reports must be sent to the Grand Secretary in time to be printed, if necessary, and a copy thereof sent to each Subordinate Lodge at least one month prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

51. The Committee on Credentials of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, shall examine and report without delay on the regularity of the credentials and the eligibility of the Representatives.

52. The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consider and report upon all petitions and upon all official correspondence of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. They shall also examine all applications for charters referred to them and report such action thereon as may be proper.

53. The Committee on Insurance shall consider and report upon all matters referred to them, with such recommendations as they may deem best.

54. The Committee on Finance shall deal with all matters referred to it by the Committee on Distribution and suggest such matters of finance as they may deem sufficient and necessary.

55. The Committee on Rebekah Lodges shall consider and report on all matters referred to them by the Committee on Distribution. The Committee shall be composed of brothers in possession of the Rebekah Degree.

56. The Committee on State of the Order shall examine the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters and of Subordinate Lodges as well as such other matter as may be referred to it by the Committee on Distribution or by the

Grand Lodge and shall report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and may recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures for the good of the Order as from time to time the Committee shall deem proper.

57. The Committee on Necrology shall report on the decease of officers and members of this Grand Lodge that may have come to their knowledge as having occurred during the previous twelve months.

58. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall arrange a table of Mileage and Per Diem of the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge, such mileage to be computed at the actual cost of the same by the shortest travelled route, and Per Diem at three dollars (\$3.00).

59. The Committee on Distribution shall examine the reports of the Grand Officers and refer the same to the proper committees.

60. The Committee on Laws of Subordinates shall carefully examine and inspect all by-laws or amendments thereto which may be submitted by any Subordinate Lodge (through the Grand Secretary), and determine whether they are in conformity with the laws of the Order.

61. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall examine all appeals referred to it and report thereon such action as may be proper.

All appeals taken from the action of the Subordinate Lodges, District Deputy Grand Masters, or the Grand Master shall, as fast as received by the Grand Secretary, be transmitted by that officer to the chairman of this committee. If the chairman finds the papers defective in any essential he shall certify the fact to the Grand Secretary, who shall remit the papers to the respective appellants, requiring them to forthwith correct the defects complained of and return the amended papers to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately transmit the same again to the chairman thereof. It shall be the duty of this committee to report at the earliest practicable day of the next Grand Lodge Session, their action upon the appeals transmitted to them during the recess of the Grand Lodge; provided always, that no member of this committee shall act as such on any appeal from a Lodge of which he is a member.

62. The Committee on Judiciary shall meet on the day previous to each regular session of the Grand Lodge and shall consist of five members to whom shall be referred all questions coming before the Grand Lodge as to laws and usages of the Order or to their construction and all dispensations and all decisions of the Grand Master upon questions of law and such committee shall report at the same session unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge.

62A. The Committee on Legislation shall meet on the day previous to each regular session of the Grand Lodge and shall consist of five members, whose duty shall be to report upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order governing the Grand Lodge as well as proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, and Constitution and By-laws of the Rebekah Assembly and Constitution of the Rebekah Lodges

63. All committees meeting during recess of this Grand Lodge shall be paid mileage and per diem to Grand Lodge Session, the chairman of each committee to present the account.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

64. All special committees shall be named by the Grand Master, subject to approval of the Grand Lodge, unless provided for by special vote, and shall report at the next sitting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge

AUDITORS

65. Two Auditors shall be appointed by the Advisory Board, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Home Fund Trustees, semi-annually, and make report on the same to the Grand Master, and also to make a full report to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Session.

SESSIONS

66. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the Third Thursday of February, at nine o'clock, a.m., in the City of Calgary; provided, that by motion regularly passed, at any

Annual Session, the place at which the next succeeding Annual Session shall be held, may be changed; and provided, also, that if by the reason of the prevalence of contagious disease or for any other cause, it shall be impracticable to hold an Annual Session at the place designated therefor, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to determine the date and the place at which such Annual Session shall be held, or, if the Grand Lodge be not in Session when such emergency occurs, the Grand Master shall have such power.

67. A special session of the Grand Lodge shall be called by the Grand Master on request of at least fifteen representatives from at least ten different Subordinate Lodges; and the Advisory Board shall have power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge whenever and wherever in its judgment it would be for the true interest and benefit of the Grand Lodge and Oddfellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and when the importance of the subject matter for consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.

68. At any special meeting of the Grand Lodge no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.

69. At all regular and special meetings the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time, as may be found expedient.

70. Thirty representatives shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that the Grand Lodge may be opened with a less number than thirty representatives for the purpose of receiving and acting upon certificates of Past Grands in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Degree and conferring the same, but for no other business.

71. The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall begin on the first day of January and end with the last day of December.

72. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree at all times when engaged in any business of the Order except the installation of the Grand Officers, when, by resolution, it may be opened in the Scarlet Degree during that ceremony to admit brothers of that Degree.

APPEALS

73. Upon the investigation of any appeal the Grand Lodge has full power and jurisdiction to dismiss the appeal; approve the proceedings; affirm the decision appealed from; reverse, modify or change the decision or sentence; remove any suspension or expulsion; restore any member to his full rights and privileges; inflict a penalty where the Lodge has failed to do so; set aside the proceedings for irregularity or informality; remand the case for further proceedings; order a new trial or give such directions as may seem proper, and the decision of the Grand Lodge shall be carried into effect by the Subordinate Lodge and officers concerned.

74. Any Lodge or Brother may appeal to the Grand Lodge against any decision or order of a Lodge or of any Officer of a Lodge, or of any Officer of the Grand Lodge.

75. An appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master shall contain a full record of the facts in the case, certified under the seal of the Lodge interested, together with the text of the decision, if any, rendered, and a statement of the grounds upon which the appeal is based.

76. All appeals shall be made in writing and filed with the Grand Secretary within one month after the decision or order appealed against. A transcript of the proceedings, properly certified, shall be sent with the appeal and a copy of the appeal shall be served on the opposite party within the same one month by the appellant.

77. Where the penalty adjudged by any Lodge is suspension or expulsion, the accused brother may apply to the Grand Master for an arrest of Judgment. This application must be made within the time allowed for appeal and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Lodge at the same time. If the application is granted, the proceedings in the case shall be stayed until the appeal is decided by the Grand Lodge and the standing of the accused brother in his Lodge shall not be affected in the interim, unless he shall fail to perfect his appeal within the proper time or the Grand Master refuse the application.

SUBORDINATE LODGES—INSTITUTION

78. Five or more brothers of the Order in good standing, who shall have obtained the Degree of Truth, presenting un-

expired Withdrawal Cards from legal Lodges, or twenty persons who are eligible to membership under the laws of the Order, may petition for a charter to constitute a Subordinate Lodge in any town, city or village where a Lodge is not already established. A person holding a Withdrawal Card out of date or a Dismissal Certificate may join in applying for a charter for a new Lodge, but the application must be signed by at least five Third Degree members holding unexpired Withdrawal Cards, and each such petitioner must furnish a medical certificate of good health. If a charter be granted the place of meeting of the new Lodge shall be designated therein. The fee for a charter shall be thirty dollars (\$30 00), which sum shall accompany the petition when presented to the Grand Secretary.

79. If a Lodge is already in existence in the place proposed for the location of the new Lodge, it shall require therefor ten (10) petitioners who shall have obtained the Degree of Truth presenting unexpired Withdrawal Cards. Upon receipt of said petition the Grand Master shall immediately notify all Lodges in said city, town or village that certain brothers, giving names of petitioners, have applied for a charter for a Lodge to be located at-----
(here give the place and specified address where the proposed Lodge is to be located). If at the end of two weeks, a majority of the Lodges in the city or town proposed for the location of the new Lodge shall have objected to the granting of a charter then the petition shall be referred to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

80. During the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall constitute a board to be styled "The Executive Committee" and they shall, in addition to other duties heretofore ascribed, hear and determine all petitions for charters, in like manner as the Grand Lodge would do if in session.

81. It is expressly provided that upon the application to open a new Lodge in a locality less than ten miles from any other existing Lodge the Grand Master may initiate, or cause to be initiated, and confer or cause to be conferred, the First, Second and Third Degrees upon a sufficient number of such applicants to constitute a Lodge, they first having made application in legal form to the nearest Subordinate Lodge, and their petitions having been regularly referred, balloted upon

and the applicants recommended for membership by the constitutional vote required for the election of members, which facts shall be certified to the Grand Secretary over the seal of the Lodge recommending.

The fees for such initiations and degrees shall not be less than those provided by the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and shall be paid into the treasury of the Lodge so to be instituted.

82. All the necessary books and blank forms shall be supplied at such rate as may be fixed by the Grand Lodge, to be paid for within one month.

83. The Grand Master or Special Deputy has the power, and it shall be his duty to defer instituting a new Lodge if, in his opinion, the hall itself or the surroundings thereof make it an unsuitable place for Lodge purposes.

84. Where a Lodge is instituted under Section No. 79 it shall not admit members nor confer degrees for less than the lowest amount charged by an existing Lodge in the same town or city, except on the night of institution, when, if a majority of existing Lodges in the same town or city agree, a less amount may be charged, provided it be not less than the amount specified in the Constitution for Subordinates.

85. The Grand Lodge shall stand vested with full power, and it shall be its duty to adopt and issue for the government of its Subordinate Lodges, a form of Constitution, Code or Procedure and Rules of Order.

86. The terms of a Subordinate Lodge may be annual or semi-annual as may be provided for in the By-laws of the Lodge. When the By-laws provide for weekly meetings the terms of the Lodge may be semi-annual, from January 1st to June 30th, and from July 1st to December 31st of each year; and when the By-laws provide for semi-monthly meetings the term of the Lodge shall be annual, from January 1st to December 31st, of each year.

86A. Every Subordinate Lodge, whether its terms are annual or semi-annual, shall be required to make Semi-annual Reports and to pay their Per Capita Tax and Home Fund Assessment semi-annually to this Grand Lodge, such reports to be made up to June 30th and December 31st respectively of each year.

86B. Semi-annual Passwords shall be used by all Subordinate Lodges, whether their terms are annual or semi-annual, and shall be communicated to the proper officers when the Semi-annual Report is delivered or the officers installed.

87. Every Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order as issued by the Grand Lodge, and also to the By-laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith and confirmed by this Grand Lodge and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

88. No public celebration of any kind shall be held by any Lodge in this jurisdiction without the express permission of the Grand Master, nor shall any controversy be entered into relating to the Order through the public prints without the express permission of the Grand Master.

89. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable seal, a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary, and all communications shall, in addition to being signed by the Recording Secretary, be authenticated by an impression of said seal.

90. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to comply with Section No. 87 hereof and to make the returns and pay the dues required by the Constitution for twelve months or for any act of insubordination shall become liable to the forfeiture of its charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Lodge at any regular session or by the Grand Master during recess.

91. In the event of any Subordinate Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers and members of such Lodge to transmit to the Grand Master or his Representative the charter, books, funds and other property of said Lodge.

92. The funds and property of the Subordinate Lodges are by the provisions of their charters and the laws of the Order held only in trust for charitable purposes and must be applied solely to these purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law, the penalty for which is expulsion, and any member participating in such illegal diversion of Lodge property from its

legitimate objects will be held personally responsible for the money or effects so diverted and will be liable to prosecution by the Grand Lodge in the civil courts. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all monies and properties together with the charter shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge, to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.

93. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge or surrender or forfeiture of its charter it shall be the duty of the last installed officers and members having the custody of the charter, books, papers and funds of the Lodge to assign, transfer and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master of the District or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the Order of the Grand Lodge. Any officer or member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing, shall also be liable to prosecution in the civil courts.

94. All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate Lodge under clauses 91, 92 and 93 and shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge; and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the assets of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust, first, for the benefit of any brother and widow and orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with by-laws of said Lodges at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate Lodge, should it ever be reinstated; provided, however, that nothing in this clause shall be construed to prohibit the Grand Lodge from disposing of any or all of the said effects, at any time after they come into its possession; provided further, that should such Lodge not be reinstated to fellowship within five years, the funds of such Lodge may be disposed of or used, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, in aiding or assisting any working or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

95. When a Subordinate Lodge shall have surrendered its charter, the Grand Lodge shall have authority through its Grand Master and Grand Secretary to issue to the members

of such lodge who shall apply therefor and who are free from all charges and whose dues were paid up to date when such charter was surrendered or to members who shall pay to the Grand Lodge their dues up to the date of such surrender, Withdrawal Cards setting forth the rank of such member, and members holding such Cards shall have the same rights and privileges as the holders of Withdrawal Cards regularly issued by a subordinate lodge of the Order for a period of one year from and after the date the charter of such lodge was surrendered.

95A. When a subordinate lodge shall have surrendered or forfeited its charter the Grand Lodge shall have authority through the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to issue to the members of such lodge, who shall apply therefor and who shall not be entitled to a Withdrawal Card as per the next preceding section and who shall not have been suspended for non-payment of dues, a Defunct Certificate, which shall have the same force and effect as an expired Withdrawal Card.

95B. When a Subordinate Lodge shall have surrendered or forfeited its charter, the Grand Lodge shall have authority through its Grand Master and Grand Secretary to issue to the members of such lodge who were suspended for non-payment of dues at the rate such charter was surrendered or forfeited, and who shall apply therefor, and against whom no charges were pending at the date of such surrender or forfeiture, Dismissal Certificates which shall serve the same purpose and no other as Dismissal Certificates issued by the Subordinate Lodges of the Order.

96. Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of five or more members of an extinct Lodge for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship such applications as the Grand Lodge may approve may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of, as provided in clause 94 of this Constitution.

96A. Where two or more Subordinate Lodges having the same or adjacent territorial jurisdiction within the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta shall desire by mutual consent to become consolidated and shall agree upon details relative thereto, but not covered by any law of the Order, they may advise the Grand Master in writing, of such desire and agreement; whereupon, if the Grand Master shall deem it advisable

and in the welfare of the Order so to do, he may authorize and complete the consolidation of such Subordinate Lodges under the law and provided that in each of the said Lodges there shall not be as many as one-third of the members present, or five members thereof who are entitled to vote, after having been given due notice, shall vote, in the manner prescribed by law, to retain the charter of their respective Lodge.

96B When two or more Subordinate Lodges shall become consolidated, all the members in good standing in each of the said Lodges, shall thereupon become members of such consolidated Lodge which shall have jurisdiction also over all suspended members of each of the said Lodges and over all cards and certificates which shall have been issued by each of the said Lodges and which shall be unexpired at the date of said consolidation. All the funds, property, and record books belonging to each of the said Lodges shall belong and shall be handed over to the said consolidated Lodge; and all the charge books belonging to each of the said Lodges, shall be turned over to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, except that if the said consolidated Lodge shall be granted the same name and number as any of the original Lodges joining in the consolidation, then all the charge books which shall have belonged to the original Lodge which had such name and number, shall belong to and shall be turned over to said consolidated Lodge.

REBEKAH LODGES

97. Rebekah Lodges may be instituted on the application of ten or more persons, five of whom shall be Third Degree members in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in this jurisdiction and in possession of the Rebekah Degree, and five sisters of the Rebekah Degree, and all holding live Withdrawal Cards, or on the application of five brothers of the Third Degree in good standing in some Subordinate Lodge or Lodges in this jurisdiction, and five women who are eligible to receive the Rebekah Degree. Such application shall be signed by the applicants and shall be accompanied by the charter fee of \$10.00, by certificates of qualification from the Lodges to which the applicants belong and by a recommendation from the Lodge or Lodges in the City or Town from which the application comes.

98. Rebekah Lodges shall have the power to receive into membership by initiation all members in good standing in Subordinate Lodges who have obtained the Degree of Truth, their wives, and such other females as are qualified by the general laws to be admitted to the Degree, and also to receive on deposit of card qualified members of the Degree of Rebekah from other Lodges. All applicants for admission shall be submitted to the consideration of a committee appointed by the Noble Grand, and on the committee's report a ballot shall be taken in accordance with law and, if favorable, the candidate shall be eligible for admission.

99. Rebekah Lodges shall have the power to adopt such By-laws and Rules of Order as they may see fit, provided always that no such By-laws or Rules of Order shall become operative until they have been approved by the Rebekah Assembly of Alberta or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

100. Rebekah Lodges shall be subject to all laws applying to Subordinate Lodges in the matter of sessions, terms, election and appointment of officers, returns, trials and penalties and forfeiture of charter in so far as the same may be applicable, except that they shall not be required to pay Per Capita Tax to this Grand Lodge provided that the Rebekah Assembly of Alberta, I.O.O.F., shall have authority to prescribe for the Rebekah Lodges under its jurisdiction in the matter of sessions, terms, election and appointment of officers, and returns, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge.

100A. Rebekah Lodges shall have the power to set aside 10% of their income from all sources as a special fund, to be used in defraying such incidental expenses as will tend to carry out and exemplify the spirit of Odd Fellowship.

FUNDS

101. The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year which shall be payable half-yearly for each unsuspended member, except non-beneficial members, on its books as shown by its semi-annual report. Its revenue shall be further drawn from charter fees for lodges instituted which shall be as follows, viz:—for a Subordinate Lodge, \$30.00, and for a Rebekah Lodge, \$10.00; and from the proceeds of the sale of supplies to the Lodges.

102. In case of failure or deficiency in its funds the Grand Lodge shall have power to raise the required amount by the levy and collection of an assessment upon the Subordinate Lodges which assessment shall be apportioned respectively according to the number of unsuspended members in each Lodge as shown in its last semi-annual report.

But the Grand Lodge shall not create any debt or incur any liability requiring a larger amount than can be paid out of its funds on hand without the sanction of at least two-thirds of the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges present in the Grand Lodge.

HOME FUND

103. Each Subordinate Lodge shall be assessed at the rate of ten cents per member per year, payable half-yearly, for the purpose of forming a Home Fund, and the amount of such assessment shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary with each semi-annual report. All amounts so received by the Grand Secretary shall be placed in a "Special Savings Bank Account" to the credit of "The Home Fund Trustees, I.O. O.F." Any and all donations made by individual members shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary and deposited by him in like manner.

HOME FUND TRUSTEES

104. All monies received by the Grand Lodge or set apart to the credit of the Home Fund shall be invested in good mortgage securities by the Home Fund Trustees, who shall be the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and two other members of this Grand Body to be elected by ballot in the same manner and at the same time as the other elective Grand Officers at each regular Annual Session.

These Trustees shall report to the Grand Lodge each year, giving particulars of cash on hand, the amount invested, dates, securities held, rate of interest and all other details in connection with the said fund.

104A. The Trustees may use the income from the Home Fund for the care and maintenance of such persons as would be entitled to admission as residents of a Home had one been established.

105. All rituals, books and blank forms necessary for the proper working of Lodges shall be provided by the Grand Lodge and sold to Subordinate Lodges at a uniform price of not less than twenty-five per cent. (25%) advance on cost of the same.

106. All orders for supplies must be over the seal of the Lodge and must be accompanied by the amount required to pay for the same.

107. All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary and after approval by him be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall examine and further approve before payment.

108. When such claims have been reported "approved" the Grand Secretary shall issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, attested by the Grand Secretary for payment with an impression of the Grand Lodge seal thereon, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.

109. This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge and upon notice of such proposed alteration being given in writing, signed by a member of this Grand Lodge and delivered to the Grand Secretary not less than two months prior to the annual session of the Grand Lodge. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward three full copies of such proposed amendments to all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction at least one month before the Annual Session. Such notice shall be presented to the Grand Lodge when in session and shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting to adopt the same. When any such alteration or amendment comes up for action it may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting without the aforesaid notice. When it is necessary to amend this Constitution to make it conform to the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge such change may be made without notice and by a majority vote, after being approved of by the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation.

110. All propositions submitted for the amendment of this Constitution to receive consideration must specify the section or clause to be amended, with the words to be struck out or inserted, and the section or clause must be given in full as it would read when so amended.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE

These rules of Order are here submitted for the guidance and conduct of the business of the Grand Lodge when in session.

I. Order of Business

For the opening session of the Grand Lodge:

1. The members will clothe themselves in appropriate regalia.
2. The Grand Guardian will close the door.
3. The officers will take their respective chairs.
4. The Grand Master will make pro tem appointments if required.
5. The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. Degree and the semi-annual password.
6. The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.
7. The Grand Lodge will be called up and the Deputy Grand Master will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.
8. The Grand Secretary will submit the credentials of representatives and new members, which shall at once be submitted to the Committee on Credentials.
9. The reception and adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials.
10. The reception of new members and representatives and the calling of roll of officers and representatives.
11. The reading and adoption of the minutes of the last annual session and all special meetings of the year past.
12. The appointment of sessional committees.
13. The reading of the reports of the Grand Officers, and reference to the Committee on Distribution.
14. The report of the Committee on Distribution shall be read and considered.
15. The reception of petitions, communications and appeals, and the reference of the same to committees.
16. The roll of lodges shall be called for the presentation of questions and business and proper reference of the same (all questions regarding what construction shall be placed on the Constitution and By-laws of a Subordinate Lodge must be presented by a representative).

17. Unfinished business in order of priority.
18. The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business
19. The adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

II. Order of Business

For adjourned sessions of the Grand Lodge:

The order of procedure after opening adjourned sittings, shall be as follows:

1. The calling of the roll of officers and representatives.
2. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Committee on Credentials on claims for admission as representatives or new members.
3. The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new members.
4. The reading by the Grand Secretary of the minutes of the last sitting, the consideration of any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
5. The reading of accounts, petitions and other communications.

6. Reports of Committees in the following order:

Committee on Distribution
 Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
 Committee on Appeals and Grievances.
 Committee on Petitions and Correspondence.
 Committee on Insurance.
 Committee on Finance.
 Committee on Rebekah Lodges.
 Committee on State of the Order.
 Committee on Necrology.
 Committee on Judiciary and Legislation.
 Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

7. The receiving of any reports from special committees, in the order of their seniority.
8. New business.
9. Unfinished business in order of priority at previous sittings.

10. Closing or adjournment (as the case may be) by the Grand Lodge. During the continuance of any session, the most decorous order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

III. Notwithstanding the Order of Business in Rule II, the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, make the consideration of any matter coming before it a special order for any particular hour or day.

IV. No question unless regularly moved and seconded and submitted in writing shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the presiding officer.

V. No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the chair, and when so put no other motion shall be receivable unless it be a motion —

1. To adjourn;
2. To lay on the table;
3. To put the previous question;
4. To postpone;
5. To refer;
6. To amend or
7. To substitute.

These several motions if made shall have precedence in the order above stated and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

VI. The previous question shall be put from the chair only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Grand Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following: "Shall the question be now put?" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

VII. If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to each call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the presiding officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any further amendment or debate thereon.

VIII. Before taking the vote on any motion the presiding officer shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" and, should no member stand up to speak the presiding officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

IX. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement of the previous question, may have been decided, any two members having voted on the prevailing side, may, at the same or next sitting, move for a reconsideration, but no discussion shall be allowed on such motion.

X. Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will permit.

XI. When a blank is to be filled the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, or on the longest or latest time proposed.

XII. After a substitute has been accepted by the Grand Lodge in place of the report of a committee, further action on the report would be out of order without first reconsidering the vote by which the substitute was adopted.

When a substitute is adopted in place of an amendment or motion it is not necessary to take action on the amendment or motion.

XIII. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any two representatives.

XIV. Every member present may be required to vote on any question, unless personally interested in the result or otherwise incapacitated, or unless excused by the Grand Lodge.

XV. Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

XVI. No member shall speak more than once on the same question until every member entitled to speak shall have had an opportunity of doing so; not more than twice, unless by permission of the presiding officer.

XVII. Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the Floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech unless to call him to order for words spoken or rules infringed.

XVIII. Any member called to order while speaking shall resume his seat, and debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall any member speak on such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeals from the decision of the chair.

XIX. The decision of the presiding officer on questions of order shall be without debate unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall have the privilege of speaking from the chair.

XX. In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the chair he shall use the words following and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation; "Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the Grand Lodge," and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the presiding officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question; "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?"

XXI. Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling must apologize to the Grand Lodge or to any aggrieved party if required to do so by the presiding officer.

XXII. A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a sitting may at any time be carried on by a two-thirds vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such Order of Business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote

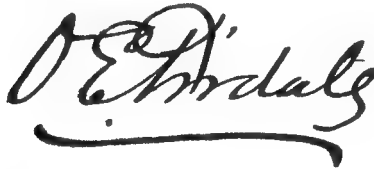
XXIII. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall be conducted in the manner prescribed in the above Rules of Order. In case where there is no rule applicable the Grand Lodge shall be governed by Cushing's Manual.

XXIV. These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled (except in cases provided for by Rule XXII.) by action of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in the same mode as required in Clauses 109 and 110 of this Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, October 11th, 1918, with amendments thereto, under dates of February 17th, 18th, 1927, and February 16th, 17th, 1928.

Adopted as a whole by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, at the City of Edmonton, Alberta, February 16th and 17th, 1928.

Certified Correct,

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AMENDMENTS

The following amendments of the constitution for Subordinate Lodges have been adopted since the issue of printed copies of that constitution which was adopted and made effective as at the 1st of July, 1928.

4. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held weekly, or semi-monthly, on such evenings and at such hour as shall be provided by its By-Laws. The By-Laws may further provide that regular meetings may be dispensed with for a period not to exceed two months in any one year.

Journal of 1930, Report 69, Page 327, Resolution 44, Page 341.

17. Election for the office of Noble Grand, of Vice Grand and of Recording Secretary or of Secretary shall take place at the last regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of May and of November respectively of each year when the terms of such Subordinate Lodge are semi-annual, and such officers shall be elected to serve for a term of six months; and at the last regular meeting night of the Lodge in the month of May or November of each year when the terms of such Subordinate Lodge are annual, and such officers shall be elected to serve for a term of twelve months.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 4, Page 73, Report 14, Page 89.

18. Election for the office of Financial Secretary and of Treasurer shall take place at the last regular meeting of the

Lodge in the month of May or November respectively of each year and these officers shall be elected to serve for a term of twelve months.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 5, Page 73, Report 14, Page 89.

19. Election of the Audit Committee shall take place at the last regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of May or November of each year. At the first election thereof, one member shall be elected for a term of three years, one member for a term of two years and one member for a term of one year; at each succeeding regular election one member shall be elected for a term of three years.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 6, Page 73, Report 14, Page 89.

19A. A Lodge may elect a Lodge Auditor, in place of an Audit Committee; such election to take place at the last regular meeting in the month of May or November of each year, the elected Auditor to be a member of the Order in good standing; and for such services the Lodge Auditor may be paid such sum as may be provided by the Bylaws of the Lodge.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 7, Page 73, Report 14, Page 89.

20. Election of the Board of Trustees and of any other officer or committee provided for in Article 13 of this constitution shall take place at the last regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of May or November of each year and these shall be elected to serve for a term of twelve months, twenty-four months or thirty-six months according to the bylaws of the Lodge.

Journal of 1937, Resolution 7, Report 11.

58. The regular terms of a Subordinate Lodge may be annual or semi-annual as may be provided for in the By-Laws of the Lodge. When the By-Laws provide for weekly meetings the terms of the Lodge may be semi-annual, from January 1st to June 30th, and from July 1st to December 31st of each year; and when the By-Laws provide for semi-monthly meetings the terms of the Lodge shall be annual, from January 1st to December 31st of each year, or from July 1st to June 30th of the succeeding year, provided that, where by by-law the Lodge shall have provided for a yearly term with weekly meetings, it may further provide that, during not to exceed any three consecutive months in any term, regular meetings shall be held

semi-monthly instead of weekly. It is provided, however, that when a Subordinate Lodge shall be resuscitated or instituted and its officers installed less than fourteen (14) regular meetings previous to the expiration of the regular term in which it shall have been resuscitated or instituted, then the officers thereof shall serve during the remainder of the said regular term and until the end of the next succeeding regular term, this period to be called a Special Term; but if a Subordinate Lodge is resuscitated or instituted during the first half of a regular term so that fourteen (14) or more regular meetings still remain in the said regular term, then the officers shall serve until the end of the then regular term, this period to be called a Short Term.

Journal of 1935, Resolution 7, Pages 1226, 1257, Report 37, Page 1272.

69. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall consist of all monies belonging thereto at the time of the adoption of this Constitution and, thereafter, there shall be carried to the credit of the Fund the amount of all donations and bequests thereto, and all interest which from time to time may accrue thereupon, and there shall also be carried to the credit thereof, at the close of each regular term, twenty per cent (20%) of the total amount received during such term on account of dues, provided that when the total at the credit of said Fund shall be equivalent to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per capita for each unsuspended member of the Lodge, then the amount so apportioned may be reduced to five per cent (5%) of receipts as aforesaid; provided, further, that when the said Fund becomes an amount in excess of \$15.00 per capita the Lodge may transfer to its General Fund such portion thereof of such excess as is deemed advisable.

Journal of 1931, Resolution 32, Page 519, Report 43, Page 537.

77A. The By-Laws of the Lodge shall prescribe the amount of the fee for admission to membership, other than Associate Membership or Non-Beneficial Membership, by Initiation, or by deposit of expired Withdrawal Card, Dismissal Certificate, Defunct Lodge Certificate or Certificate of Registration. The amount of such fee shall be determined by the age of the applicant and shall be paid in advance of admission; provided that the minimum of such fee shall be as hereunder set forth, and provided that in towns and cities where there be more than one

Subordinate Lodge the respective fees for admission shall be uniform in amount:

- Of the full age of 18 years and less than 30 years, \$6.00;
- Of the full age of 30 years and less than 36 years, \$10.00;
- Of the full age of 36 years and less than 40 years, \$15.00;
- Of the full age of 40 years and less than 45 years, \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for each year more than the age of 39 years;
- Of the full age of 45 years and less than 50 years, \$25.00 plus \$4.00 for each year more than the age of 44 years;
- Of the full age of 50 years or more, \$45.00 plus \$6.00 for each year more than the age of 49 years.

It is hereby provided, however, that if the Lodge has no provision for the payment of stipulated weekly sick benefit, the amount of the fee prescribed by its By-Law for admission to membership, other than Associate Membership or Non-Beneficial Membership, in any of the manners aforesaid, may be fixed on a basis of age as hereunder set forth and such fee shall be paid in advance of admission; provided that the amounts hereunder set forth shall be the minimum fees, respectively:

- Of the full age of 18 years and less than 30 years, \$6.00;
- Of the full age of 30 years and less than 40 years, \$10.00;
- Of the full age of 40 years and less than 50 years, \$15.00;
- Of the full age of 50 years or more, \$25.00.

Journal of 1938, Resolutions 5 and 13.

77B.—For admission to membership by Transfer Certificate the applicant shall deposit a fee of twenty-five cents (25c) as prescribed in Article 133 of this Constitution.

For admission to membership by deposit of unexpired Withdrawal Card, the applicant also shall deposit a fee of an amount prescribed by by-law and which shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00).

For Reinstatement within one year of the date of suspension for non-payment of dues the applicant shall deposit a fee of an

amount prescribed by by-law in accordance with the provisions of Article 124 of this Constitution.

For Reinstatement after the expiry of one year from the date of suspension for non-payment of dues the applicant shall deposit a fee of an amount prescribed by by-law in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 of this Constitution.

Journal of 1938, Resolutions 5 and 13.

78. The fee for the First Degree (Degree of Friendship), for the Second Degree (Degree of Brotherly Love) and for the Third Degree (Degree of Truth) shall be prescribed by by-law, provided that the amount of such fee shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00) for each degree.

Journal of 1938, Resolution 5A and 13A.

85A. This Lodge may receive as non-beneficial members, by initiation, free white males of good moral character who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, who are in good health, and who have resided within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge for at least three months next preceding the date of application, and who shall have attained the age of eighteen years. It shall be optional with each Subordinate Lodge as to whether or not a medical certificate is required in the case of non-beneficial members. This Lodge may receive, as non-beneficial members, former members of defunct lodges who were in good standing in their respective lodges at the time of surrender of their respective charters.

Journal of 1930, Report 64, Page 325, Resolution 36, Page 339.

85B. This Lodge may also receive, as non-beneficial members, non-affiliated Odd Fellows who have been regularly admitted to and retained membership in the Order for at least five years and who are not under expulsion for cause.

Journal of 1930, Report 65, Page 325, Resolution 37, Page 339.

85C. The fee for admission to non-beneficial membership, either by Initiation, or by deposit of Dismissal Certificate, expired Withdrawal Card, Defunct Lodge Card or Certificate of Resignation, or by Reinstatement, shall be not less than Four

dollars. The charge for Degrees shall be governed by Section 78 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and the Dues shall be not less than Four Dollars per year, payable quarterly in advance.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 8, Page 74, Report 15, Page 89.

85D. When a Brother shall have been a Contributing Member of a Subordinate Lodge for forty (40) consecutive years immediately preceding his present age and shall from any cause be unable to pay dues he may make application, in writing, to be transferred to Non-contributing Membership. The application shall be received and referred to an investigating committee which shall submit its report in writing with recommendation at the next regular meeting of the Lodge unless by request of the committee further time shall be granted. When the report of the investigating committee shall have been submitted, a ball ballot shall be taken on the application and, if a majority of the ballots cast shall be white, or favorable, the Brother shall be declared transferred to Non-contributing Membership. Such Non-contributing Brother shall thereafter be relieved from the payment of all dues and assessments and shall be entitled to the passwords, fraternal fellowships, and the right to hold office and to vote. The Lodge shall not be required to pay Per Capita Tax on Non-contributing Members; but in its semi-annual reports to Grand Lodge it shall report its Non-contributing Members.

Journal of 1935, Resolution 2, Pages 1225, 1256, Report 41, Page 1273.

85F. This Lodge may receive, as Associate Members, Odd Fellows sojourning in its territorial jurisdiction who are members of other Subordinate Lodges of the Order. Applications for admission to Associate Membership shall be made in the manner required by the provisions of Article 86 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, except that no Certificate of Medical Examination shall be required, and shall be subject to the regulations contained in Articles 87, 88 and 89 of that constitution, and shall be accompanied by an Official Certificate showing the applicant's dues paid in advance or by other official document from his original Lodge setting forth that such applicant is in good standing therein. The rights, privileges and duties of Associate Members shall be the same as those of Non-Beneficial Members. Associate Membership shall not interfere

in any manner with the Brother's membership in his original Lodge or with his rights, privileges and duties therein. Continuance of a Brother's Associate Membership shall be dependent upon continuance of his Membership in his original Lodge. The fee for admission to Associate Membership shall not be less than Two Dollars (\$2.00) and dues shall be as governed by Section 85-C of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Journal of 1935, Resolution 1, Pages 1224, 1256, Resolution 22, Page 1273.

90. Upon the presentation to the Lodge by Committee on Character of report, whether favorable or unfavorable, on such application a vote by ball ballot shall be taken thereon according to law, when if less than three black balls be found the application shall be determined favorable; but if three or more black balls be found, it shall be determined unfavorable. When more than one petition for membership shall be before the Lodge for action at the same meeting, a collective ballot may be taken on all such petitions; but, should three or more black balls appear in said collective ballot, then said collective ballot shall be void, and a separate ballot shall be taken upon each petition.

Journal of 1934, Report 43, Page 1133, Resolution 15, Page 1133.

106. The Payment of stipulated weekly sick benefits is optional with each Subordinate Lodge.

When weekly sick benefits are provided by By-law of the Lodge, a member of the Lodge, who, by reason of sickness or injury to his person, not proceeding from intemperance or immoral conduct on his part, shall be rendered incapable of following any business, avocation or employment, whereby he may obtain a livelihood, may receive such benefits. Such benefits, when provided, shall not be paid for any period less than one full week of continuous sickness or disability, shall not exceed weekly, during the first twenty-six weeks of such payments, one-half the amount of the yearly dues nor be less than three dollars; and, during the next twenty-six weeks of such continuous sickness or disability shall not exceed the sum of three dollars per week; and if such sickness or disability shall continue longer than the period for which the Lodge may lawfully pay such sick benefits, or if the Lodge shall have abolished or ceased to pay such sick benefits, then and in either of such events the Lodge shall keep or cause him to be kept in good standing throughout

the entire duration of such sickness or disability, unless he be lawfully suspended or expelled during that time for some other cause. The Lodge may also provide by By-law that no benefits shall be paid for the first week or two weeks of such sickness or disability. The Lodge may further provide, by By-law, to limit the payment of sick benefits to less than fifty-two weeks, but not less than thirteen weeks.

To be entitled to said sick benefits, if any, it is hereby further provided that at the time of the commencement of such sickness or disability the Brother shall have been in good standing in the Lodge, shall have been a member of the Lodge for a period of not less than one calendar month, shall have attained the Degree of Truth, and that when requested to do so by the Lodge he shall furnish a certificate of his condition from a qualified physician in attendance upon him; and provided also that he shall notify the Lodge of his sickness or disability within one month of the commencement thereof, and shall make claim for the said sick benefit on account of such sickness or disability within one month of the date of his recovery therefrom.

Journal of 1934 R port 44, Page 1134, Resolution 16, Page 1134.

115A. In cities or towns having more than one Subordinate Lodge, authority is given for the formation of a General Relief Committee or General Relief Board for the purpose of caring for sojourning members who may be sick or in distress while residing or sojourning within the said city or town.

A General Relief Committee or Board shall be responsible, through its members, to the Subordinate Lodges electing them. The Committee or Board shall render a yearly report to each Subordinate Lodge in the city or town and shall submit a copy of such report to the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee or Board, when formed and operating, to care for sojourning members in like manner, in accordance with the laws of the Order, as his Lodge would do under similar circumstances, at all times paying only such sick benefits or pecuniary relief as may be authorized by the Lodge or Encampment to which the Brother belongs; provided however, that the payment of pecuniary relief to the extent of ten dollars (\$10.00) or less is left to the discretion of the Committee or Board.

When such a Committee or Board has been formed and is in operation, it shall be obligatory upon the Subordinate Lodges of the said city or town to pay a semi-annual per capita tax for the maintenance of the said General Relief Committee or Board, and the said Committee or Board is empowered to determine the amount of such per capita tax.

General Relief Committees or Boards are authorized to make such additional rules and regulations, in keeping with the general laws of the Order, as shall be necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of their debts, and such rules and regulations before becoming operative must be approved by a majority of the Subordinate Lodges in the city or town.

Journal of 1929, Report 5, Page 101, Resolution 13, Page 102.

146. All such by-laws and amendments shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge and the signature of the Noble Grand and of the Secretary, accompanied by a certificate, attached or detached, that the same have been read at three consecutive meetings and passed by the Lodge, one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved or otherwise, as the case may be; and no such by-laws shall be operative until notice of approval by the Grand Lodge of Alberta or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges, shall have been certified by the Grand Secretary thereof. Copies in duplicate of any By-laws proposed for amendment, both before and after such proposed amendment, shall also be forwarded.

Journal of 1932, Report 70, Page 722, Resolution 62, Page 723

149. This Constitution and the Rules of Order hereto annexed, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Alberta at an Annual Session and then only after notice of such proposed alteration or amendment shall have been given to the Grand Secretary not less than two months previous to the date of the said Annual Session; and such proposed alteration or amendment shall require for adoption a majority vote of the members present and voting at such Annual Session of

said Grand Lodge. When any such proposed alteration or amendment be legally before said Grand Lodge for consideration, it shall be within the power thereof to alter or change said proposed alteration or amendment by vote of two-thirds of the members of said Grand Lodge present and voting, without notice aforesaid; but whenever it be necessary to change said Constitution and Rules of Order, or any part thereof, in order to conform to the Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge of Alberta such change may be made without previous notice.

Journal of 1936, Resolution 9, Report 16, Page 89.

Please Bring This To Grand Lodge

Previous notice has been received of intention to propose the following amendments at the annual session of Grand Lodge in March, 1938.

That Article 77, constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof as Articles 77A, and 77B, respectively:

77A. The by-laws of the Lodge shall prescribe the amount of the fee for admission to membership, other than Associate Membership or Non-Beneficial Membership, by Initiation, or by deposit of expired Withdrawal Card, Dismissal Certificate, Defunct Lodge Certificate or Certificates of Resignation. The amount of such fee shall be determined by the age of the applicant and shall be paid in advance for admission; provided that the minimum of such fee shall be as hereunder set forth; namely:

Of the full age of 18 years and less than 30 years, \$6.00;
Of the full age of 30 years and less than
36 years, \$10.00;
Of the full age of 36 years and less than
40 years, \$15.00;
Of the full age of 40 years and less than 45 years,
\$15.00; plus \$2.00 for each year more than
the age of 39 years;
Of the full age of 45 years and less than 50 years,
\$25.00 plus \$4.00 for each year more than
the age of 44 years;
Of the full age of 50 years or more, \$45.00 plus \$6.00
for each year more than the age of 49
years.

It is hereby provided, however, that if the Lodge has no provision for the payment of stipulated weekly sick benefit, the amount of the fee prescribed by its by-law for admission to membership, other than Associate Membership or Non-Beneficial Membership, in any of the manners aforesaid may be fixed on a basis of age as hereunder set forth and such fee shall be paid in advance of admission; provided that the amounts hereunder set forth shall be the minimum fees, respectively:

Of the full age of 18 years and less than 30 years, \$6.00;
Of the full age of 30 years and less than
40 years, \$10.00;
Of the full age of 40 years and less than
50 years, \$15.00;
Of the full age of 50 years or more, \$25.00.

77B. For admission to membership by Transfer Certificate the applicant shall deposit a fee of twenty-five cents (25c) as prescribed in Article 133 of this constitution.

For admission to membership by deposit of unexpired Withdrawal Card, the applicant also shall deposit a fee of an amount prescribed by by-law and which shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00).

For Reinstatement within one year of the date of suspension for non-payment of dues the applicant shall deposit a fee of an amount prescribed by by-law in accordance with the provisions of Article 124 of this constitution.

For Reinstatement after the expiry of one year from the date of suspension for non-payment of dues the applicant shall deposit a fee of an amount prescribed by by-law in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 of this constitution.

That Article 78, constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be struck out and the following inserted instead of the same:

78. The fee for the First Degree (Degree of Friendship), for the Second Degree (Degree of Brotherly Love) and for the Third Degree (Degree of Truth) shall be prescribed by by-law, provided that the amount of such fee shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00).

That Article 101, constitution of Grand Lodge, as printed on pages 124 and 125, Journal of Proceedings, 1937, be amended by inserting after the word "Dispensations", in the nineteenth line, the words "granted for functions from which a revenue is derived." So that when amended the said Article will read:

101. The Grand Lodge shall derive revenue for its General Fund from a tax, known as General Fund Per Capita Tax, which hereby and without further action and notice is ordered to be paid by each of its Subordinate Lodges, which Tax shall be computed at the rate of fifty cents (50c) per member for each unsuspended member as shown in its books and returned in its semi-annual report to Grand Lodge as at the thirtieth day of June and the thirty-first day of December, respectively, in each year, and which Tax shall become and be due and payable to Grand Lodge on these aforesaid dates, respectively, provided that Subordinate Lodges shall not be required to pay the said General Fund Per Capita Tax or on Non Contributing Members as these kinds of membership are defined by the laws of the Order. The Grand Lodge shall derive further revenue for its General Fund from the proceeds of the sale of supplies to its Subordinate and to other Bodies

of the Order, and from receipts for Dispensations granted for functions from which a revenue is derived, of which the cost to Subordinate Lodges shall be one dollar (\$1.00) each, and from fees for Charters for new Lodges which shall be, respectively, thirty dollars (\$30.00) in each case of a Subordinate Lodge and ten dollars (\$10.00) in each case of a Rebekah Lodge. And it is provided hereby that in case of discovery of error in any amount paid as General Fund Per Capita Tax, no refund on such account shall be made to any Subordinate Lodge unless written claim for such shall have been made by the Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Secretary within two years from and after the date on which the return in question shall have been due and payable to Grand Lodge.

That Article 15, constitution of Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the period (a punctuation mark) after the word "annually", together with the last sentence of the paragraph and substituting therefor the following ", (comma) also one Grand Representative for a term of two years." When so amended the Article will read:

15. These shall be elected as follows: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall be elected annually, also one Grand Representative for a term of two years.

That the constitution of Grand Lodge be amended by adding the following Article to be numbered 95B:

95B. Hereby is created in this Grand Jurisdiction a Grand Jurisdictional Lodge, which shall be under the direct supervision and direction of the officers of Grand Lodge. Into such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge the members of all defunct Lodges may be transferred upon a lodge becoming defunct or the charter recalled or surrendered and effects taken over by Grand Lodge. Any member of a subordinate lodge which has become defunct or whose charter has been surrendered or recalled shall have the right to apply for and receive from the Secretary of such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge a defunct lodge certificate and file the same with the said Grand Jurisdictional Lodge; and by so doing he shall have all the rights and privileges of a member of a subordinate lodge except the right of pecuniary benefits and the right to vote, and such other limitations as the Grand Lodge may prescribe.

The officers of such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge shall have authority to receive applications for Withdrawal Cards or Transfer Certificates and to grant and issue the same just as subordinate lodges do under the present laws of the Order and the member shall have

the right to join any active lodge under the same condition as any other member under the prevailing laws of the Order.

All members of a Grand Jurisdictional Lodge, except those placed on the non-contributing roll, shall pay such dues and fees as shall be prescribed by Grand Lodge and the Secretary of such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge shall issue a receipt for the amount so paid.

The Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary of such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge and as such shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and shall make an annual report to Grand Lodge; and said money so received shall be subject to disposition by Grand Lodge. The Grand Treasurer shall be ex-officio Treasurer of such Grand Jurisdictional Lodge and shall make annual reports to Grand Lodge. The duties of the officers shall be the same, duties as prescribed for subordinate officers of a subordinate lodge.



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